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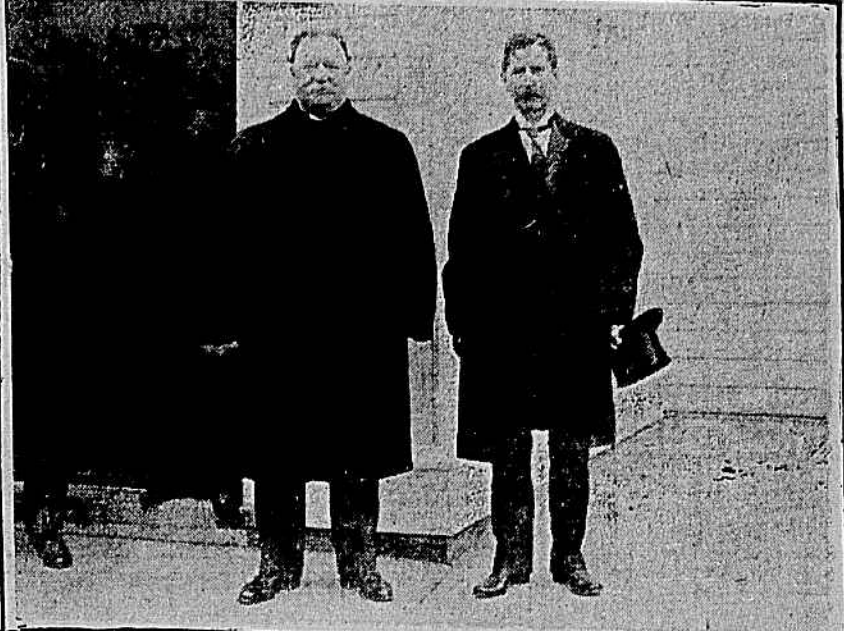
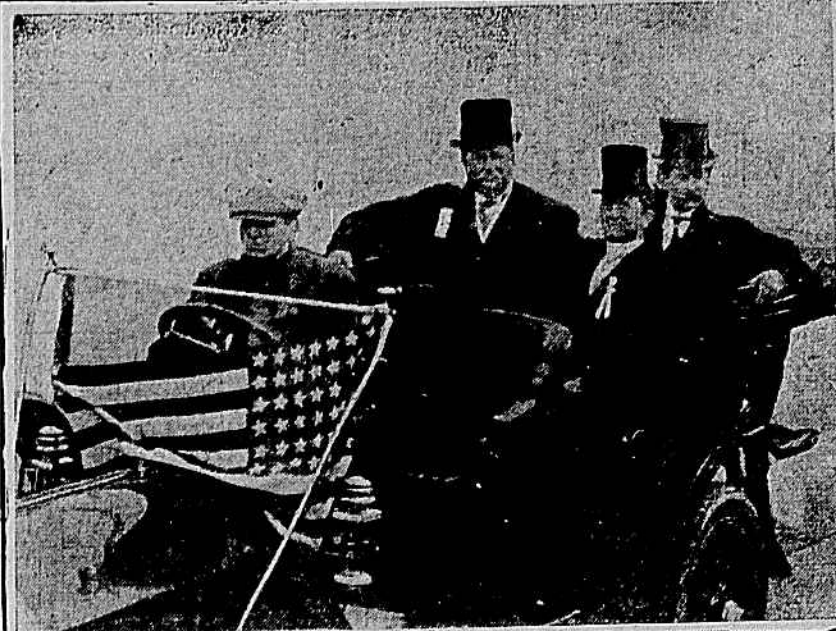
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THE WEATHER TO-DAY—FAIR.

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President Ends His Speech-Making Tour in Richmond



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PRESIDENT, GOVERNOR AND MAYOR

TAFT IS AT HOME AFTER LONG TRIP

Imposing Throng Meets
President on Arrival
in Washington.

SPENDS EVENING
WITH HIS WIFE

Announces That Supreme Court
and Diplomatic Appointments
Will Not Be Made Until
After Congress Assembles.
Discusses Navy Matters
With Secretary Meyer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 10.—After an absence of more than three months, during which he made a 13,000-mile trip through the West and South, President Taft sleeps to-night in the White House.

He left the capital August 6 last, with the cheers of the crowds ringing in his ears. He returned to-night to the tune of the same cheers, but he tarried only a moment with the various welcoming parties. His objective point was the White House and Mrs. Taft, and as quickly as he could get away from the brief speeches of welcome he climbed into his big automobile. The chauffeur broke all the speed records of the District on the last leg of the President's record-making journey.

When Mr. Taft alighted at the White House he ran quickly up the stairs, turned for a moment and waved a smiling farewell to Fred Carpenter, his secretary, Colonel Spencer Cosby and Captain Archie Butt, his two military aids, who had accompanied him from the station. Then the big swinging doors of the White House swallowed him.

The President shook hands with the two negro doormen who were smiling a welcome that showed every tooth in their heads. After the President had disappeared above, where Mrs. Taft had been apprised of his return, he did not show himself again to-night, not even to visit the new executive office, which was lighted and decorated for his inspection.

Crowds Greet President.

Two hours before the President's train was due the crowds began to fill the Union Station. When the train rolled in from Richmond on time at 5:35 o'clock there was an imposing throng of persons on the platform. Among the throng were Secretary Carpenter, Colonel Cosby, military aid to the President, and Assistant Secretary of War Oliver. The District government was represented in the person of Commissioner West.

In spite of the "dress rehearsal" of the Cabinet, held at the Department of Justice last Monday night, there were some violations of ethics in wearing apparel. Secretary Nagel daintily wore a white tie with his frock coat and a silk hat, and this lapse seemed to jar the esthetic natures of some of his fellow statesmen. In any event, Secretary Nagel and five other members of the Cabinet disappeared quickly, leaving Secretary Knox and Postmaster-General Hitchcock with the President. The three conversed earnestly for two or three minutes, after which Mr. Taft made his way to the White House.

Traveled Over 13,000 Miles.

When President Taft spoke at the City Auditorium in Richmond this afternoon, he made his 266th speech of the long trip, which, according to the itinerary, consisted of 12,759 miles, but with side trips amounted to more than 13,000.

On the train during the trip from Richmond to Washington this afternoon the President had an extended conference with Secretary of the Navy Meyer, taking up with him and discussing a number of matters that have been pending in the department, including the scheme of reorganization.



BLUES IN PARADE.

TAFT SPEAKS TO NEWSPAPER FOLK

President Recalls His Early Service as Court Reporter in Cincinnati.

HAD ONE BIG ASSIGNMENT

Times-Dispatch Correspondents and Press Association Give Him Cordial Greeting.

President Taft, Governor Swanson and the other members of the party which breakfasted at the Executive Mansion entered the Capitol by the south or main door. In the rotunda Mr. Taft was shown the famous Houston statue of Washington, and duly expressed his admiration. Dick Blankenship, with misgivings at his heart for the safety of his beloved elevator, had his machine ready in the expectation that the President would be taken up to see the Governor's office, but this did not happen, and the elevator suffered no breakdown from overloading.

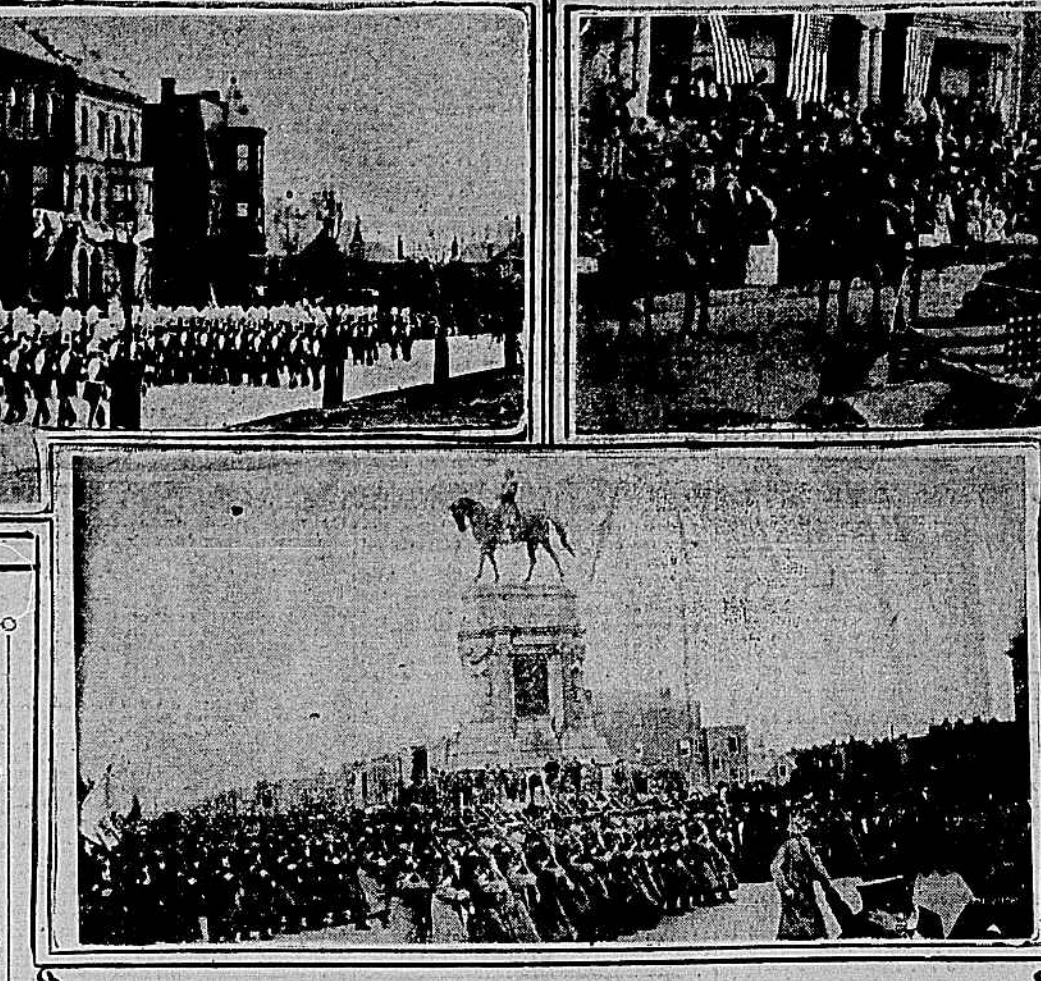
In the meantime those fortunate enough to have secured admission to the hall of the House of Delegates, composed in the main of members of The Times-Dispatch Correspondents' Association and its guests, the Virginia Press Association, had been awaiting the arrival of the party with some impatience. When Governor-Elect Mann appeared the applause started, and most of the audience, under the impression that the President was at hand, stood up. When they saw who it was everybody sat down again.

Captain Butt, with all his military decorations, preceded the presidential party when it entered. Escorting Mr. Taft was Governor Swanson, and the secret service men followed him. The President mounted to the clerk's desk, and he received an ovation which was evidently most hearty and genuine, and which he thoroughly enjoyed. His all-enveloping smile warmed the hearts of the audience, and it was still more fetching when, at the beginning of his remarks, it broke into one or two audible chuckles of delight and satisfaction.

Dr. Lucien Lofton, of Emporia, president of The Times-Dispatch Correspondents' Association, presented the President. He said that Virginia, no less than any other sovereign State of the South, holds in enduring admiration the Chief Executive of this great nation. "He is the type of man," he continued, "who stands first, a comprehensive American citizen, combining all the strength, virtue and honesty of a successful leader."

Mr. Taft received another rousing ovation.

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V. M. I. CADETS AT LEE MONUMENT.

EVEN REMEMBER PRESIDENT'S WIFE

Did Not Get to Talk With Her Over Telephone Because She Had Sore Throat.

There was just one thing on the program arranged by the local committee for President Taft which was not carried out yesterday, that being due to circumstances over which the committee had no control. Realizing that the President had been away from home for nearly two months and that he was anxious to get there again to greet his wife and children, it was decided to surprise him when he went to his suite of rooms at the Jefferson after the trying ordeal of another luncheon.

During the early part of the day Chairman Whitte had a conference with Manager Tanner, of the telephone company, and had requested him to secure and hold a wire to Washington so that at a signal the President could have a friendly chat with Mrs. Taft. Mr. Tanner put a special operator on the wire with instructions to hold it indefinitely, the Washington manager being instructed in the meantime to communicate with the White House, and thereby help to surprise Mr. Taft. It developed, however, that Mrs. Taft was suffering with a severe sore throat and that it would not be convenient for her to strain her voice to the point of talking over the long distance telephone. Still, the President was at home last night, which was better than a telephone talk.

Attempt to Rob Train.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., November 10.—An attempt to rob New York Central train No. 24, the American Express, between Lyons and this city, to-night, was frustrated, and two men were arrested at the point of guns. A third is believed to have fallen under the train and killed.

BRIEF VISIT TO ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

President Stands by Pew Where Patrick Henry Delivered Ringing Address.

President Taft closed his arduous day with a flying visit to historic St. John's. Only a few had gathered at the churchyard gates, but the crowd had increased when he came out.

With the Governor and the Mayor and several members of the Reception Committee, he stood by the pew of Patrick Henry, from which the famous orator uttered the words which fired the American Revolution.

"So this is the pew, is it?" he said, and read the inscription placed at the end. "This church reminds me somewhat of the church in Williamsburg," he added. "There John Marshall, Chief Justice of the United States, worshipped."

"Yes, and the colonial Governors of Virginia," added Governor Swanson.

"Well, I am greatly interested in this church," the President remarked as he gazed about him. "And I have always wanted to see it. I am very glad you brought me out, and I thank you." Standing by the main door, the President posed with Governor Swanson to be photographed.

PRESIDENT TAFT ON RICHMOND

"I am greatly impressed with the progress and prosperity exhibited by the city, and I marvel at its wonderful growth and development since the Civil War, considering the poverty of the South."

"I am charmed with Richmond's historical traditions, and associations, and touched with the fidelity with which these traditions are preserved and commemorated, and with the inspirations which must emanate from them."—President Taft.

THOUGHT FOLKES WAS ANARCHIST

Secret Service Man Holds Up Richmond Senator at Taft Luncheon.

Secret service men, are no respecters of persons, especially when the safety of the President of the United States is in any way involved. This was shown in a very forcible and ludicrous manner yesterday at the Taft luncheon when State Senator Folkes, as peaceable a man as one could encounter, was held up at the door of the banquet hall and required to give strict account of himself before passing in, to the intense amusement of many of his friends who stood nearby, ready, if the occasion demanded to testify to the fact that he was a tame and law-abiding citizen.

It was not necessary, however, as the Senator promptly produced evidence that there were no infernal machines concealed beneath his frock coat, and besides that he was one of the invited guests.

According to the story told by one of the Senator's friends, who declared that he saw the whole affair, as he strolled up to the door, looking unusually spick and span in honor of the President, a secret service man was heard to say: "If there is an anarchist in this crowd, here he is!" at the same time buttonholing Senator Folkes, who, though much astonished, answered his questions in such a childlike manner, producing also badges and cards, that the over-zealous officer left in an apologetic and crestfallen way, evidently feeling more upset over the incident than Mr. Folkes himself.

Mr. Folkes was ready to agree that he had often been accused of being an anarchist while opposing pet schemes of his colleagues in the Senate, but that this was the first time he had actually been held up as a bomb-thrower just because he looked like one.

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HALTS PRESIDENT AT HOLLYWOOD

Gatekeeper Refused to Admit Him, Denying Personal Request of Governor and Mayor.

WHERRY AT FIRST REFUSED

President of Cemetery Company Finally Yields to Mayor Over Telephone.

In order that he might see a little more of the city than could be obtained from only a cursory view along the line of parade, President Taft made four special requests of the reception committee—that he be taken to the old Confederate White House, to St. Paul's Church, to Hollywood Cemetery and to St. John's Church. The visits to the Museum and St. Paul's took but a few minutes, and were just before the parade started.

After he had slipped away from the crowds at Shafer Street, en route to Hollywood, the one disagreeable event of the day took place.

Gatekeeper Obdurate.

Gatekeeper Saunders appeared as the party, with the pilot car and the secret service men as escort, drove up. He refused to allow the President of the United States, the Governor of Virginia and the Mayor of the city to enter the cemetery in their automobiles, saying it was a hard and fast rule of the Hollywood Cemetery Company. Mr. Dabney talked with him, but only lost time. Then he was introduced to the President and to the Governor, both of whom shook hands cordially with him. Mayor Richardson asked permission, and finally the gatekeeper was prevailed upon to telephone to B. C. Wherry, president of the company. Mr. Wherry refused, but finally, when Mayor Richardson went to the telephone and explained that President Taft was very desirous of seeing the tombs of some of his predecessors. Permission was given to two cars. The pilot car remained outside. The secret service men, who never, under any circumstances, leave the President's side, followed in their machine. The gatekeeper was taken in the presidential car so that he could point out the sights of most interest.

In the cemetery President Taft left his car and stood beside the tombs of Monroe, Tyler and Davis. He gazed on them silently, visibly impressed. It was with more than passing interest that he gazed on the monument reared to the only President who ever directed the fortunes of the Confederate States. He spent half an hour wandering about the tombs of famous men and in viewing the graves of the nameless Confederates who fell in the Civil War. He carried the memory with him into the City Auditorium, where he referred to the struggle which to-day strengthens the Union.

No Success of Cheering.

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STAGGERED BY REFORMS NEEDED

"During my sixty days of travel there has been a moment or two of deliberation, and during that time I have been studying what it is the duty of an executive to recommend to an incoming Congress in respect to future legislation, and when I think of the number of things Congress ought to do, I am staggered lest it may not find time to do them."—President Taft at City Auditorium.

ENDING his 13,000-mile tour in Richmond, President Taft brought to the people of Virginia the realization yesterday that this is indeed a reunited country by breaking away from the elaborate program prepared in his honor to stand in what was once the White House of the Confederacy and by reminding them that he warmly indorsed the establishment by the whole people of a lasting memorial to Robert E. Lee at the institution where he served so faithfully in the peaceful closing days of his eventful life.

As the motor car which he constantly occupied during the day ran slowly by the monument to Jefferson Davis, President Taft stood erect and bowed reverently while the multitude nearby gave expression to its warm approval in a volley of ringing cheers.

Again, as he approached the monument to Lee, where earlier in the day he had reviewed the great parade, he stood a second time to smile upon old men from the Soldiers' Home, who saluted him as their commander-in-chief 15-day.

In the sacred precincts of Hollywood, in that historic church where Patrick Henry inflamed a struggling colony to the thought and hope of independence, the President of the United States emphasized and glorified Virginia's part in the history of the nation, which he declared to be of equal greatness in time of war and peace.

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